

National Forests in North Carolina

FACT SHEET/FY 2007

General Information

National Forests	4
Acres of National Forests in NC Land	1,251,710
Acres on the Pisgah National Forest	510,113
Acres on the Nantahala National Forest	531,338
Acres on the Uwharrie National Forest	50,373
Acres on the Croatan National Forest	159,886
Ranger Districts	8
Job Corps Centers (429 student capacity)	2
Nursery/Seed Orchard	1
Counties with National Forests in NC Land	24
Total Population within North Carolina (July 2007, U.S. Census Bureau NC)	9.1million
FY '07 Total Forest Budget (appropriated funds only)	\$.21.3 million
Employees (permanent) . . . . .	.202
Volunteers	866

Recreation

Total Number of Recreation Site Visits	6.3 million
Viewing Scenery . . . . .	.27.5 percent
Camping . . . . .	.7.2 percent
Hiking & Walking . . . . .	.22 percent
Fishing . . . . .	.11 percent
Driving for Pleasure . . . . .	.17.2 percent
Recreation Enhancement Act Receipts	\$1,764,706
Developed Recreation Sites . . . . .	.189
Capacity (Persons at One Time) . . . . .	.22,416
Wild & Scenic Rivers . . . . .	.3
Miles of National Forest Scenic Byway . . . . .	.140
Acres of Wilderness (11 Areas) . . . . .	.103,226
Acres of Wilderness Study Areas26,920
Acres of Special Interest Areas62,517

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Trails

Miles of Forest System Trails	1,734
Miles of Appalachian Scenic Trail	226
Miles of National Recreation Trails .....	.97
Miles of National Historic Trails	4

Timber

Timber Harvest	44,490 ccf or 22.2 mmbf
Timber Sold for	52,609 ccf or 26.3 mmbf
Timber Offered	64,256 ccf or 32.1 mmbf

Amount is expressed in 100 cubic feet or million board feet

ccf x .50 = 1,000 board feet

Acres Regenerated	770
Timber Stand Improvement Acres	2,679
Acres Harvested	2,079
Group Selection	123
Shelterwood (two-age)	573
Thinning	1,476
Salvage	0
Clearcut	44
Removal	56
Special Cut	0

Lands

Miles of Property Boundary	4,772
Special-Use Permits	1,494
Acres Acquired by Exchange	0
Acres Conveyed by Exchange	0
Acres Purchased	40
Acres Donated	0
Acres Conveyed (FSFREA)	6

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Water

Miles of Perennial Streams	5,742
Miles of Warm Water Streams	2,366
Miles of Cold Water Stocked Trout Streams	350
Miles of Cold Water Wild Trout Streams	3,026
Acres of Lakes & Reservoirs	35,950

Wildlife, Fish & Plants

Vertebrate Species	500
Species Commonly Hunted (white-tailed deer, eastern wild turkey, woodcock, squirrel, black bear, ruffed grouse, raccoon, rabbit, wild boar, waterfowl, mourning dove, and quail)	15
Principal Fishing Species (large and small mouth bass, trout, sunfish, catfish, walleye, and muskelunge)	9
Endangered Animal Species	12
Endangered Plant Species	7
Threatened Animal Species	3
Threatened Plant Species	7
Sensitive Animal Species	63
Sensitive Plant Species	151
Proposed Threatened/Endangered Animal Species	0
Proposed Threatened/Endangered Plant Species	0
Locally Rare Animal Species	171
Locally Rare Plant Species	266

Heritage Resources

Total Acres Surveyed on National Forests	2,769
Total Sites Recorded	147

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Law Enforcement

Arrests	95
Citations Processed	2,850
Warning Notices Processed834
Marijuana Plants Seized from National Forest Land . . . . .	.5989
Incidents Investigated . . . . .	.1820

Facilities

Forest Service Administrative Buildings (248,115 sq. ft.)	172
Leased Administrative Buildings (30,218 sq. ft.)	1
Administrative Sites	57
Job Corps Centers . . . . .	.2 with 66 buildings
Lookout Towers . . . . .	.12
Telecommunication Sites . . . . .	.20
Offices . . . . .	.17
Work Centers . . . . .	.12
Seed Orchard . . . . .	.1
Potable Water Systems	88
Sewerage Systems (includes septic tank systems, tertiary, and secondary treatment systems)125

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Roads & Bridges

Miles of Road with Forest Service Jurisdiction	2,564
Inventoried Road Bridges, plus 78 Large Culvert Installations	218
Miles of Road Constructed	2
Miles of Road Reconstructed.	30
Miles of Road Open Year-Round	981
Miles of Road Normally Closed to Public Vehicle Use.	1,583

Fire

Wildfires	187
Acres Burned in Wildfires	13,128
Average Annual Wildfires (FY '95-'05).	111
Average Annual Acres Burned in Wildfires (FY '95-'05)	3,841
Acres of Fuel Treatment & Prescribed Burning	27,504
People Who Completed Southern Region Interagency Hotshot Training Detail	17
People Dispatched Through IA Dispatch Center	3,615

Forest Receipts

Timber Related Revenues	\$2,158,457
Special-Use Revenues	\$396,213
Power & Minerals Revenues.	\$57,501
Recreation Enhancement Act Receipts.	\$1,764,706

FY 2007 PAYMENTS TO COUNTIES

COUNTY	NF ACRES	PL 106-393*	PILT**	TOTALS
Avery	28,369	\$19,752	\$43,038	\$62,790
Buncombe	31,464	\$22,666	\$49,649	\$72,315
Burke	48,794	\$34,647	\$71,575	\$106,222
Caldwell	49,416	\$35,619	\$71,402	\$107,021
Carteret	56,828	\$55,695	\$95,867	\$151,562
Cherokee	93,394	\$77,066	\$134,472	\$211,538
Clay	65,934	\$54,400	\$95,112	\$149,512
Craven	63,068	\$61,092	\$91,000	\$152,092
Davidson	958	\$1,295	\$1,382	\$2,677
Graham	113,443	\$93,580	\$163,609	\$257,189
Haywood	68,886	\$49,327	\$188,063	\$237,390
Henderson	17,295	\$12,521	\$25,335	\$37,856
Jackson	77,236	\$60,984	\$115,872	\$176,856
Jones	39,989	\$39,181	\$57,701	\$96,882
McDowell	73,640	\$48,355	\$107,066	\$155,421
Macon	153,173	\$121,751	\$220,827	\$342,578
Madison	55,278	\$43,390	\$79,567	\$122,957
Mitchell	18,916	\$13,168	\$28,192	\$41,360
Montgomery	39,884	\$52,888	\$57,524	\$110,412
Randolph	9,527	\$12,413	\$13,740	\$26,153
Swain	22,348	\$17,917	\$345,762	\$363,679
Transylvania	88,307	\$63,142	\$128,878	\$192,020
Watauga	393	\$324	\$13,349	\$13,673
Yancey	38,273	\$27,308	\$56,033	\$83,341
TOTAL	1,254,813	\$1,018,481	\$2,255,015	\$3,273,496

*USDA Forest Service payments to states under new Public Law 106-393 (see explanation below).

**FY 2007 Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT): \$1.45 per acre for national forest and national park land.

Under Public Law (PL) 106-393, every year the Forest Service returns to the State Treasury Office a percentage of money received from production of goods and services on national forest lands. This amount is based on the average of the state's three highest payments from FY 1986 to 1999. The State Treasury Office distributes these funds to

county school systems. The amount is spread on a pro-rated basis by national forest acreage per county.

The Bureau of Land Management also makes payments in lieu of taxes (PILT) to counties with federal land. In FY '07, this equaled \$1.45 per acre.

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